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Official Diary

Friday, 28 December 1951

This morning discussed with Mr. Wolf the possibility of getting Mr. Jackson's car after he leaves and the space presently occupied by O'Gara and Shannon. I indicated that with those two offices, plus the one previously occupied by Hansen, we could give up the large room presently occupied by Davidson, et al. Mr. Wolf indicated tentative agreement but we agreed to discuss this more at length later.

By direction of the DCI undertook to secure a more adequate Tab "A", discussing China trade, for SE-20. Jimmy Lay indicated that the day after New Year's would be timely. Thereupon, Sontag undertook to have a paper sometime during that day which would:

- a. Contain adequate statistics and charts relating to seaborne trade;
- b. Contain adequate information respecting land-borne trade, particularly with Russia; and
- c. Give a better indication of the impact upon China of cutting off the seaborne trade.

Sontag later phoned inquiring whether he could request the Agencies to have a representative available on Monday with authority to give concurrence on such paper. He wished to say that if the Agencies could not do this, it would be necessary to hold a special IAC Meeting on Monday. In view of my discussion with the DCI, I gave him assurance that this statement would be in order.

Dispatched letter of instructions by special messenger to [] and [] and obtained Bill Jackson's concurrence to the deletion of sub-paragraph c., which was thought to be in the nature of a prejudgment. Both in talking to [] about this and in speaking of it to Mr. Jackson, I indicated that my belief was that the deletion of this sub-paragraph would not be significant because the Committee's authority under sub-paragraphs a. and b. was sufficiently broad to encompass the subject matter of sub-paragraph c. Both [] Jackson agreed with this interpretation. HR70-14

Undertook to serve unofficially as Secretary for the Committee, pending collection of a staff. [] indicated that Saturday week the Committee planned to hear [] from 9 to 12 and Armstrong in the afternoon. After some discussion with [] I undertook to have CIA representatives standing by in the event the Committee desired to hear them, but it was understood that there might not be time available for presentation of CIA's views.

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Postponed luncheon with Polyzoides of State respecting the USCIB matter raised by Admiral Wenger.

Attended PRC.

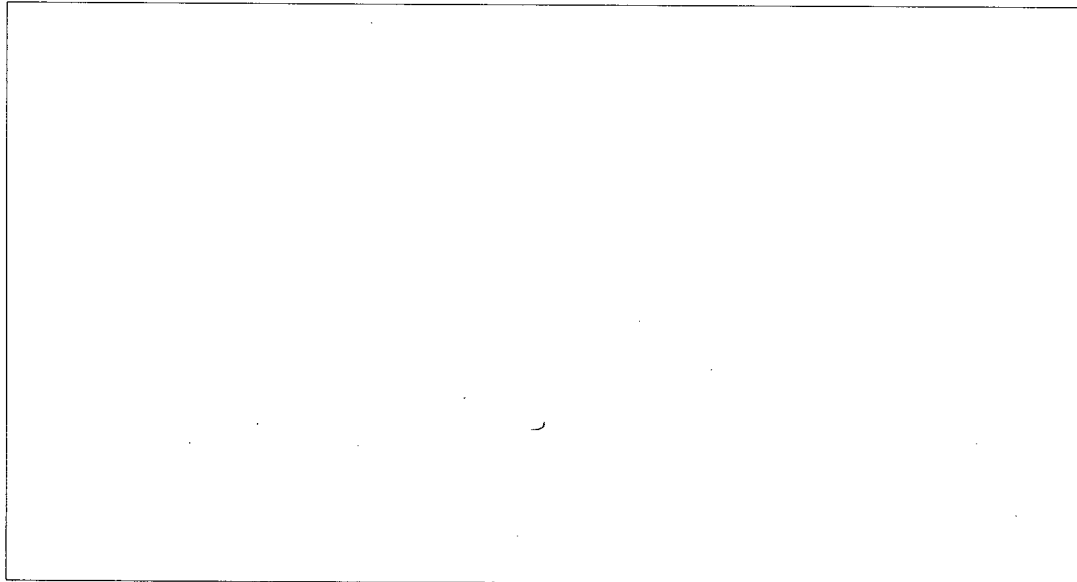
Discussed with Mr. Davidson the manner in which [] report to the DCI should be disseminated to IAC Members. It was tentatively agreed that this report would be reviewed in this office in order to determine whether the question of disseminating any one of [] comments should be referred to the General for decision. This responsibility is to be that of Davidson, who will consult with me as necessary. Otherwise, copies of the report are to be distributed on an "Eyes Only" basis to IAC Members and not to the agencies. With the first report to be disseminated will be included a brief memorandum indicating the highly sensitive nature of the material therein contained. Davidson is to prepare appropriate implementing papers.

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At the request of the DCI undertook to write to [] to urge him to join the National Estimates Board.

In a later discussion with Mr. Wolf respecting the first item of this Diary, it was agreed that we would stand by with respect to space until Mr. Wolf had a clearer indication of Mr. Wisner's requirements.

Attended meeting of Messrs. Kent, Douglass, Hitchcock (ORR), Clark (OSI) and Long (OIC) with respect to IN 48646, 21 December. It was agreed:



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Mr. Long will prepare an appropriate record of the meeting and recommendations for the DCI, if any are required at this time.

Informed [] that the delay in my meeting with Polyzoides of State (tentively fixed for tomorrow) will make it impossible to meet the time schedule I had suggested to him in our recent discussion.

Discussed briefly with Mr. Dulles the mishandling of yesterday's flash item by the Navy and undertook to follow up on this in an effort to determine what corrective action was required to prevent a repetition.

Secured Mr. Dulles' approval of Mr. Davidson's promotion to grade 14.

Mr. Douglass informed me of several USCIB matters that were coming forward and also suggested that I pass on to Mr. Jackson the suitability of [] as a Staff Member of the Brownell Committee. I informed Mr. Douglass of the Brownell Committee plans for Saturday work.

Informed Mr. Wolf, pursuant to my discussion with the DCI, that Wednesday would be Dr. Langer's last official day of duty.

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